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April 23, 2010

Sumter County Board of County Commissioners Doug Gilpin, Chairman 910 N. Main Street Bushnell, Florida 33513



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We realize the importance to the community of having a strong public health leader in Sumter County and how difficult it can sometimes be to find such a person. The position is advertised in the State's People First system as required as well as locally and nationally. We will need a representative from the Board to join us on the interview panel. Would you provide me with the name and contact information for the individual who will represent the Board on the interview panel. I will be the point of contact and can be reached at (850) 245-4244 or by email at Michael Sentman@doh.state.fl.us.

I look forward to working with your office to find the best candidate for leading the Sumter CHD and to be the face of public health in Sumter County. Thank you for your continued support of the CHD.

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